

1 IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- 2 1. Replace the paragraph second paragraph at page 10, lines 6 through 18 with the following
3 paragraph:

4 Protector 20 may be secured in the protecting position shown in Figures 2
5 and 3 in any suitable fashion. In one preferred form of the invention one or more
6 bonding or securing elements may be used to secure protector 20 in the protecting
7 position. One preferred ~~[[bonding-securing]]~~ securing element may comprise a
8 strip of adhesive tape secured transversely over protector member 21 so that ends
9 of the tape extend past flanges 26 and 27 so as to adhere to the surface of cartridge
10 10. Another preferred securing element comprises ~~[[and]]~~ an adhesive material
11 strip or foam 34, located on the bottom surfaces 28 and 29 of flanges 26 and 27.

12 A cover strip may be peeled off to expose the adhesive and then the protector
13 member 21 may be pressed onto cartridge 10 in the protecting position. The
14 adhesive holds the protector member 21 in the desired position. The foam or
15 other contour-conforming material that may be included in strip 34, whether an
16 outer adhesive is associated with the material or otherwise, has the advantage of
17 conforming to any irregular surfaces that may be located on slot edges 14 and 15
18 shown in Figures 1 and 2.

1 The Applicant respectfully requests that these amendments be entered and considered in
2 the first examination of this application.

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